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FIGHT CRIME: Invest in Kids Michigan

May 30, 2012

Honorable Judy Emmons, Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Families Seniors & Human Services
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairman Emmons,

As the primary reporters of child abuse and neglect, the men and women in law enforcement know all too well its damaging consequences for children, families, and our communities. It is important that we address it both effectively and efficiently, with proven strategies like voluntary, early childhood home visiting programs. That is why we are supporting HB 5572, which ensures that the state's investment in home visiting supports program models and providers that have a record of success.

In 2010, there were nearly 700,000 confirmed victims of abuse and neglect nationwide, including 1,560 children who were killed as a result. That same year in Michigan, there were 32,412 children who were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect, and 71 died from abuse or neglect. The true number of children abused or neglected is likely significantly higher, since many incidents are never reported. Nationally, almost 80 percent of children who died from maltreatment in 2010 were under age 3 and nearly half never reached their first birthday.

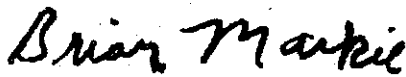
The more than 500 law enforcement leaders and crime survivors of FIGHT CRIME: INVEST IN KIDS *Michigan* know from the front lines that child abuse and neglect also increase future crime. Survivors of abuse or neglect often carry emotional scars for life, and research has shown they are almost 30 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime. The cycle of abuse can also continue, with evidence suggesting that an estimated one third of adults with a history of abuse may harm their own children.

Voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs can help break the cycle of abuse and violence. Eligible families can receive these services to learn more about their children's health, and nutrition, and their physical, psychological, and emotional development. Data from several effective home visiting models underscore the power of this strategy to prevent abuse, neglect and trouble with the law. Mothers served by Healthy Families America reported engaging in physical abuse of their children less frequently than mothers not receiving the model's services. A rigorous study of the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) found that participation in the program cut abuse and neglect among at-risk kids nearly in half. By age 15, children whose mothers received NFP coaching had 60 percent fewer arrests than children of similar mothers who were not coached.

POLICE CHIEFS, SHERIFFS, PROSECUTORS, OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS, AND VIOLENCE SURVIVORS PREVENTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE

The research clearly shows that such reductions in child abuse and neglect and later crime, as well as resulting cost-savings, can be achieved only through **effective** home visiting programs. HB 5572 will improve the quality and results of home visiting in Michigan by focusing public dollars on programs that have been proven effective or promising. Not only is there no additional cost associated with the legislation; HB 5572 will align Michigan's home visiting infrastructure with nationally recognized best practices. For these reasons, the Michigan police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, and crime survivors of FIGHT CRIME: INVEST IN KIDS urge you to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,



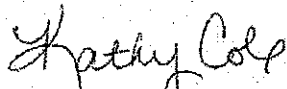
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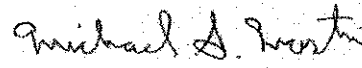
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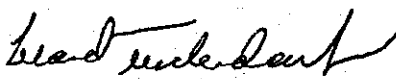
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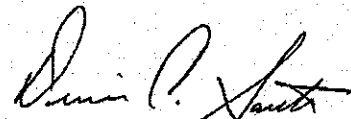
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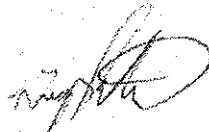
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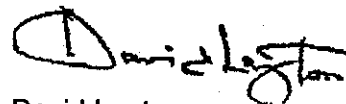
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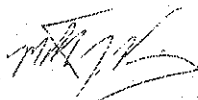
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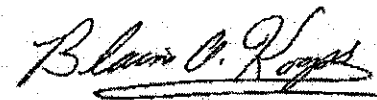
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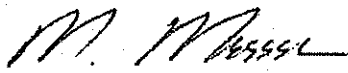
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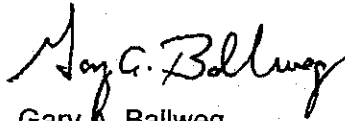
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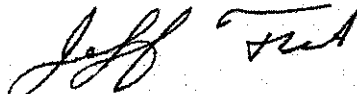
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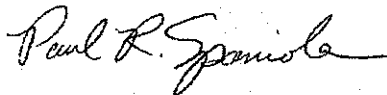
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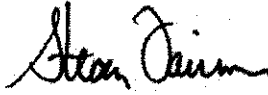
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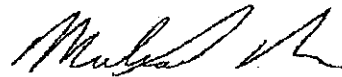
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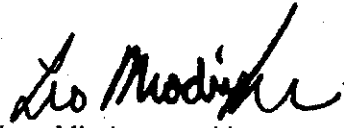
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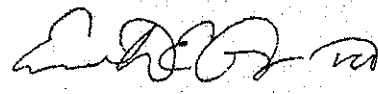
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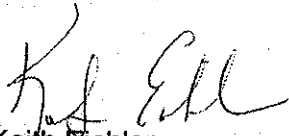
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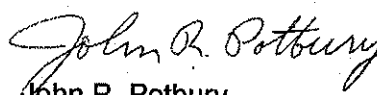
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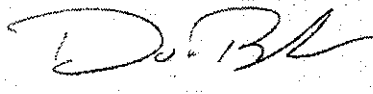
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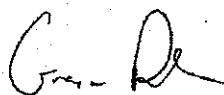
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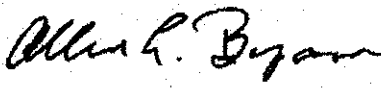
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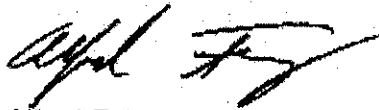
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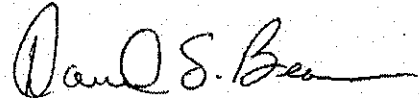
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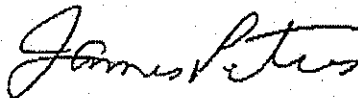
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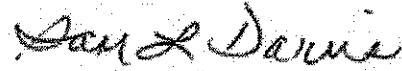
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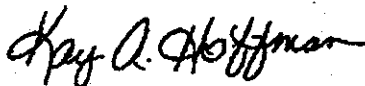
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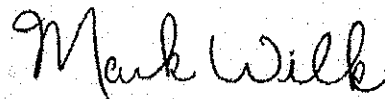
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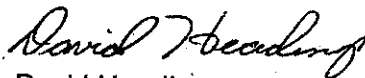
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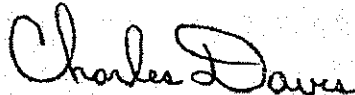
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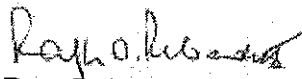
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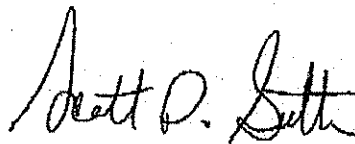
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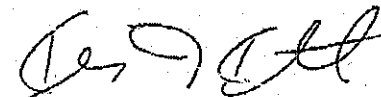
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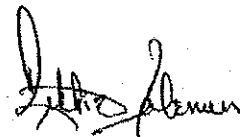
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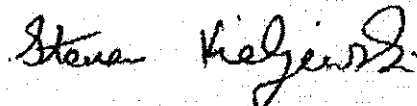
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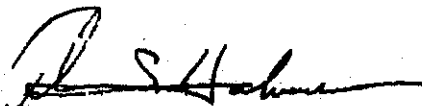
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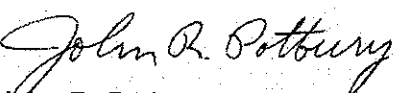
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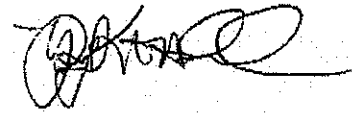
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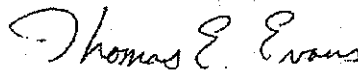
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